

PEDIATRIC SURGERY

NEWSLETTER

May 11, 2020

UTH WELLNESS

- UT is offering a free estate planning Webinar: Are your valables aligned with your values?
https://inside.uth.edu/inside/campusnotes.htm?cid=7b2752a6-058e-4c7e-93e1-1b16536cc327&pubid=1ee25181-a03d-498b-a045-b795875d4b69&utm_source=Insider-Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Insider-1241&utm_content=Campus-Notes-Free-estate-planning-webinar:-Are-your-valuable-aligned-with-your-values?
- Check out how UT's Facilities Housekeeping team is keeping our campus clean.
<https://inside.uth.edu/inside/campusnotes.htm?cid=ef8b002b-9f83-4d2c-9e14-67b95ab42acc&issue=1241&pubid=1ee25181-a03d-498b-a045-b795875d4b69>
- UT is offering a virtual information session outlining Diabetes Prevention Program for UTHealth employees
https://inside.uth.edu/inside/campusnotes.htm?cid=2bdb359d-4bb0-43e4-a209-de8492a75309&pubid=1ee25181-a03d-498b-a045-b795875d4b69&utm_source=Insider-Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Insider-1241&utm_content=Campus-Notes-Virtual-information-session-outlines-Diabetes-Prevention-Program-for-UTHealth-employees-May-14
- If you want to see what services our EAP office offers, click on this link: <https://inside.uth.edu/eap/employee-assistance/index.htm>

SAFETY ON CAMPUS

- Andrew Casas sent an email last week stating that reports of crime have decreased at the Texas Medical Center in recent weeks, but UT Police continue to receive occasional reports of suspicious activity in the area, including bike thefts and attempted burglaries.
 - Stay alert at all times
 - If you work late, you can request an escort through the UT Police Department or Security personnel on the ground floor.
 - UT police phone number is 713-792-2890 or you can always call 911.

CONTINUE TO...

- Practice Social Distancing and Self-Monitor.
- Wear a mask if you are in any UT building.
- Do not come to work if you are sick.
- If YOU have a confirmed case of COVID-19, it is your obligation to disclose the positive diagnosis to UTHealth before you are permitted to return to work. Faculty, staff and trainees must contact Employee Health Services at 713-500-3267 or the newly designated COVID-19 phone number 713-500-2683.

LET'S CELEBRATE!

- Congratulations to our newest Associate Professors ~ Dr. Matthew Greives, Dr. Matthew Harting, Dr. Manish Shah and Dr. Akemi Kawaguchi. Congratulations to all of you!!
- Dr. Manish Shah has teamed up with Dr. Banghe Zhu and Dr. Eva Seveck at the UT Center for Molecular Imaging to develop novel imaging device for babies with brain disorders. Congratulations Dr. Shah!
[HTTPS://WWW.UTH.EDU/NEWS/STORY.HTM?ID=7B4525BC-DBB1-43E5-96A6-872E3F949A76](https://www.uth.edu/news/story.htm?id=7B4525BC-DBB1-43E5-96A6-872E3F949A76)
- UT recently announced that Dr. Richard Andrassy will be the Interim Dean for the McGovern Medical School. Congratulations, Dr. Andrassy!!
- Selethia Payne's son, Sirron Ward, Jr., will attend Florida State University to play college basketball this coming fall. Congratulations to Mom and Son!!



**Last week we celebrated Nurses Week.
We have the BEST nurses!**

BIRTHDAYS

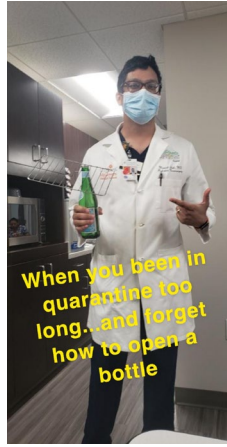


17	Henry Caplan
19	Selethia Payne
20	Natalie Sin-Siu
23	Vikas Gupta
24	Claudia Loza
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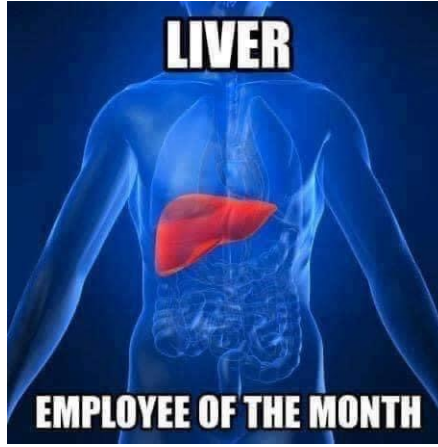
NOW THAT'S FUNNY



You know you miss your boss when...
#KPLSignatureTattoo



When you been in quarantine too long, and forget how to open a bottle
Dr. Shah you need a bottle opener, not a rack.



All of our dogs think we quit our jobs to spend more time with them.
All of our cats think we got fired for being the loser they always knew we were.

AWE, THEY'RE SO CUTE!



These beautiful girls are Paula Maldonado's nieces. Lilian is 8 and Rosalyn and Kaitlynn they 6 year old twins.



Meet Kim Edmonson's 22 month old niece Olivia and 7 year old nephew Clayton. They are doing yoga with their 75 year young Grandmother.



This is Morgan Morris with her husband and two kiddos, Jackson and Maddie.

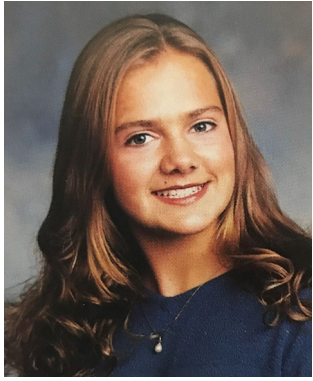
NOT ALL SUPERHEROES WEAR CAPES, BUT WHEN YOUR PATIENTS IS BATMAN...



Dr. Sandberg shares the story behind this picture, Dr. Sandberg and his team performed for the first time in humans an infusion drug into the fourth ventricle of the brain of an amazing child with a recurrent malignant brain tumor. The child LOVES Batman so the Pediatric CV Physician Assistants purchased these Robin socks and Superhero masks to make the patient feel more comfortable. You guys ROCK!!

In the picture with Dr. Sandberg are Sarah Hubert, Eugenia Kelly and Emilie Miesner.

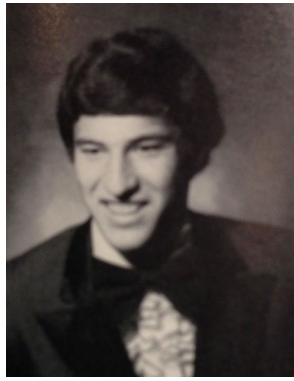
PEDIATRIC SURGERY FACULTY AND STAFF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PICTURES



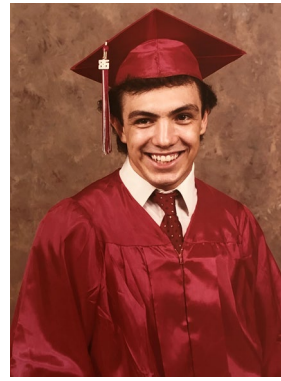
Allison Speer



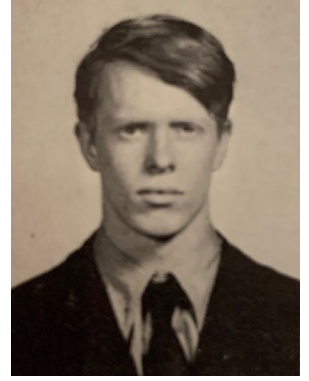
Camille Scott



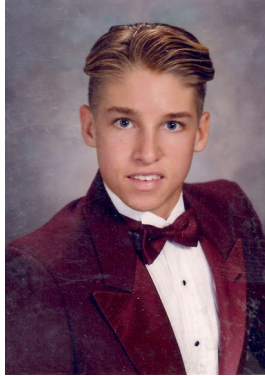
Charles Cox



Fabio Triolo



Kevin Lally



Matt Harting



KuoJen Tsao



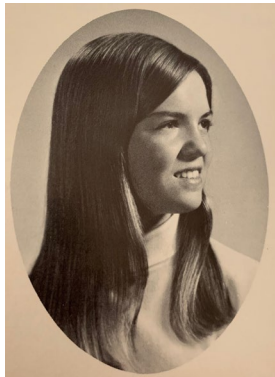
Matt Greives



Melody DiPasca



Morgan Morris



Pam Lally



Peter Synnott



Claudia Loza



Scottie Wahlstrom



Jackie Franco

A note from Scottie...

Starting the week of May 11th, I will begin working onsite in my UT office on Mondays and Thursdays and I will work in my home office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. I am excited to slowly begin getting back to "normal". I have a real vacation planned in mid-June with my family and I am really excited to get away for a few days.

I have worked at UT for 15 years, 11 of them in Pediatric Surgery. During this time we have survived Hurricane Ike, Hurricane and Flood of the Century Harvey and we will soon say we survived the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020. We are a strong department and we can do anything together.

We will transition to publishing our Newsletter on a monthly basis instead of weekly. The next Newsletter will go out the week of June 1st. Please keep sending your pictures of family, kids, nieces, nephews, fur-babies, memes, and things to celebrate. If you have a high school graduate in 2020, please send me their senior picture and we will place it in our June Newsletter.